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SUBJECT: LIBRARY ATTIC SPACE

REF: A) BUCHAREST 2623; B) STATE 143445

IN REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC POINTS REFTELS:

1. PLANS SENT IN JUNE 13 POUCH SINCE WE WERE ASSURED THEY  
WOULD ARRIVE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN TWO DAYS. PLANS WERE  
ORIGINAL ARCHITECT DRWAINGS OVER FLOOR PLAN. THIS WAS BEST  
AVAILABLE DRAWING GIVEN SHORT LEAD TIME FURNISHED ODCD.  
ASSUMPTION CORRECT.

2. WHILE POST FEELS THAT BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
USING FACILITIES ADDITIONAL SMALL ONE OR TWO-STALL BATH-  
ROOMS WOULD BE USEFUL WE ARE WILLING TO SCRAPP IDEA.

3. BECAUSE OF SCARCITY OF WOOD IN ROMANIA CONCRETE FLOORS  
ARE TRADITIONAL BUT WE UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL PROBLEM BECAUSE  
OF LOAD FACTOR. ROUGH ESTIMATE ON DIFFERENCE IN COST PRO-  
POSED AREA WOULD BE \$1,500 FOR CONCRETE FLOOR; \$4,000 FOR  
WOOD. WE FEEL, IF FUNDING POSSIBLE, THAT WOOD IS PREFERABLE.  
AMERICAN SEABEE VISITED ATTIC SPACE JUNE 20 AND CONCURS IN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR WOODEN FLOORS.

4. COST ESTIMATE WAS BEST IDEA ODCD RMULD GIVE WITH  
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MARGIN OF ERROR OF ABOUT TEN PERCENT. OBVIOUSLY PRICE OF

WOODEN FLOOR INCREASES COST BUT WE WOULD STICK TO ESTIMATE  
NOW IN \$15,000 TO \$16,000 RANGE EXCLUSIVE OF EQUIPMENT,  
LIGHT FIXTURES, AIR CONDITIONERS, FURNITURE.

5. FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED FOR PROJECT IN FY-75 AND GENERAL  
TERMS OF AGREEMENT CAN BE DRAWN UP PRIOR TO JUNE 30. GIVEN  
SHORT LEAD TIME AND DIFFICULTIES IN POUCH SCHEDULE CERTAIN  
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT FINAL CONTRACT AND DRAWINGS CANNOT  
BE PREPARED AND SENT FOR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON BY JUNE 30.  
GIVEN OUR PAST EXPERIENCES WITH ODCD INVOLVEMENT IN LIBRARY  
CONSTRUCTION IN WHICH THEIR PLANS WERE GENERALLY THOROUGH  
AND ACCURATE AND THEIR COST ESTIMATES REALISTIC POST FEELS  
THAT A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NEEDS AND THEIR  
COMMITMENTS CAN BE AGREED TO PRIOR JUNE 30 WITH FINAL PLANS  
TO BE POUCHEO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. ON THIS  
BASIS POST RECOMMENDS PROJECT APPROVAL. EMBASSY ADMINISTR-  
TIVE SECTION AND ODCD ARE WORKING CLOSELY ON THIS PROJECT  
TO SUPPLY INFORMATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND POST SIMILARLY  
APPRECIATES IOA AND IEE EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

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